



TELLY GIANTS: Diversity are at every Butlins' GOT TALENT STARS

BRITAIN'S Got Talent winners Diversity are at Butlins this summer.

The dancers will perform at all three resorts—Bognor Regis, Minehead and Skegness.

And they'll be joined by dad-and-son act Stavros Flatley, singers Shaun Smith and Shaheen Jafargholi, dancer Aidan Davies, impersonators Faces of Disco, ventriloquist Gareth Oliver, rapper DJ Talent and 2008 winner George Sampson.

Butlin's head of entertainment Mike Godolphin said: "We've always

supported British talent. Ringo Starr was in a resort band when he got the call to join the Beatles, and Des O'Connor, Jimmy Tarbuck and Sir Cliff Richard all started their careers at Butlins.

"This new wave of talented acts is sure to be a big hit with our guests." Butlins held Facebook and Twitter polls on the fave BGT acts—and Diversity was top, with Stavros Flatley a close second.

Concert dates are to be announced. See www.butlins.com or call 0845 070 4730.

■**ACTION** packed five-night summer camps for 10 to 19 year olds are being run at 25 locations by the YHA across England. A concession price of £99—down from £150—is available for kids from families eligible for Child Tax Credit. Breaks for others cost £299.

The camps run for six weeks from July 19 and include accommodation and meals with lots of activities. See www.doit4real.co.uk or call 01629 592530.

■**PLANNING** a trip to a theme park or seaside resort this summer? Save up to 75 per cent on travelling by booking tickets in advance with crosscountrytrains.co.uk

There's a list of ideas on the website, from a trip to historic Edinburgh to a ride along the Nene Valley Railway, home to Thomas the Tank Engine.

■**HURRY** up if renting a car this summer. Suppliers in the UK and popular overseas locations such as Alicante, Malaga, Palma and Faro have cut capacity because of the economic climate. For best rates from 50 firms, see www.carrentals.co.uk

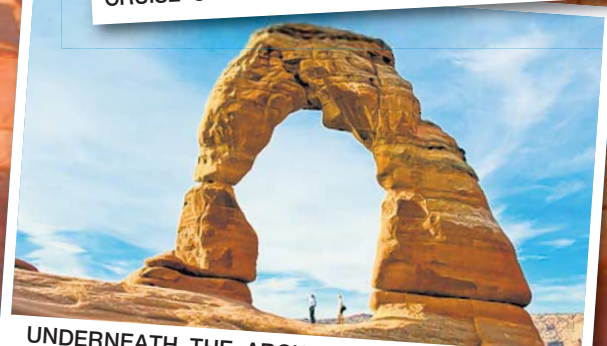
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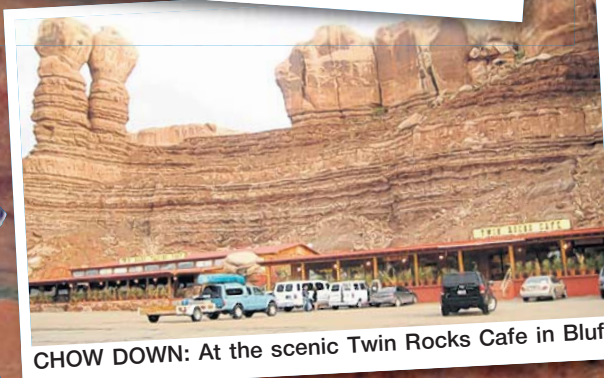
Saddle no nicely!



CRUISE CANYONS: In tyre tracks of Thelma and Louise



UNDERNEATH THE ARCHES: Utah's national park



CHOW DOWN: At the scenic Twin Rocks Cafe in Bluff

BY HELEN MOSS

YEE-HAAA! Move over Davy Crockett, I'm QUEEN of the Wild Frontier.

I've always dreamed of following the hoofprints of John Wayne and Clint Eastwood across the plains of the Wild West.

So I moseyed on over to Utah, USA, and lived the dream among hundreds of square miles of breathtaking red desert and mountains.

This vast inland state isn't an easy place to get to (I flew from Heathrow to the capital Salt Lake City via Chicago). But it's well worth the ride.

You'll need more than Trigger to explore it properly so hire your own horsepower—a car or motorhome.

I decided on a gentle start to my adventure so first stop was the Swiss-themed Zermatt Resort hotel in the wilderness of the Heber Valley, less than an hour's drive from the airport.

Canyon

Inside you can get a free back and shoulder massage and enjoy a spa and pool.

Outside is everything you need for the adventure of a lifetime—hiking, fly-fishing, golfing and mountain biking, plus skiing, snowmobiling and snow-shoeing in the winter.

This cowgirl opted to saddle up her four-legged friend at Soldier Hollow with Rocky Mountain Outfitters, which plots riding routes for all standards, from beginners to experts. It also offers rides at Robert Redford's 6,000-acre Sundance Resort—a great favourite with celebs.

After a few minutes of gentle trotting through the hills with only the sounds of birds and insects my cares felt a continent away.

But to get to the truly spectacular scenery that Utah offers, put the real horse

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back in the stable and rev up the Iron Horse to head south. Roads are straight and virtually traffic free, and there's no shortage of amazing places to stop on the way.

My first break was at Dead Horse Point State Park—part of the Rocky Mountain range that includes the Grand Canyon where Thelma and Louise spectacularly ended their trip.

Gazing from the viewpoints across miles of craggy canyons didn't make me feel like driving off a cliff—the scenery was a fantastic reminder of how great life can be.

Another stop was Arches National Park and its short hiking trail dubbed Park Avenue where I felt as small as an ant walking between soaring golden rocks.

It's a short hop from Moab, a hippyish small town full of unusual

shops, bars and restaurants. After stuffing my face with cheap, delicious Mexican food at the lively Miguel's Baja Grill, I sampled the local nightlife. Sixty per cent of Utah residents are Mormon and there are strict alcohol laws, but it's not difficult to get a drink.

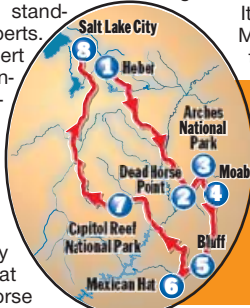
Others only serve alcohol if you order food—but that can be a cheap bowl of nachos.

Next it was time to tame the Colorado River so I signed on for a white-water rafting experience. Being in the desert I expected sun

GETTING THERE: For further information on Utah and for a free destination guide log on to www.utah.travel or call 08456 020574.

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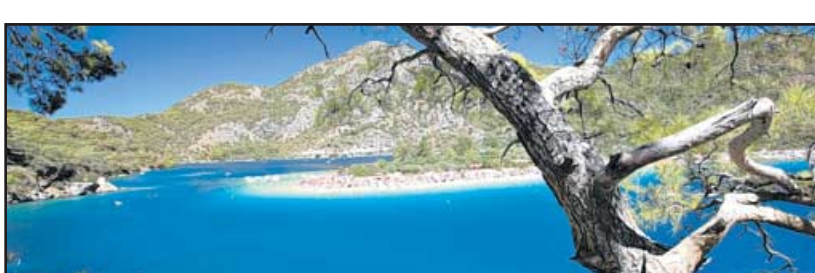
and a professional photoshoot. To enter, send a photo, with your name, age and occupation to ian@pumpkintours.co.uk by Wednesday, and say in 100 words why you are a worthy winner. See www.pumpkintours.co.uk



BUCKINGHAM PALLIE

JOIN in fun games near Buckingham Palace on Tuesday. Visit London is recreating the Royal pastime Pallie Mallie—similar to croquet—which led to the street

being called Pall Mall. It is part of a £2 million Only In London campaign to tell the stories behind street names. See www.visitlondon.com/onlyinlondon



SUNNY DELIGHT: Enjoy the weather at one of Turkey's beautiful resorts

THOUSANDS are flocking to Stonehenge in Wiltshire to mark the summer solstice on June 21 as the sun rises on the longest day of the year.

But if you fancy celebrating further afield, here are some great deals for sun worshippers—so you can make the longest day of the year last longer!

EGYPT

THIRTEEN hours sunshine a day, a snorkeller's paradise with wonderful beaches and coral reefs—plus amazing historic sites.

Deal: Seven nights B&B at the four-star Maritim Royal Peninsula Hotel & Resort, Sharks Bay, from £490pp. Flying from Manchester on June 20. See www.panoramaholidays.co.uk, call 0844 879 8200 or visit your nearest Thomas Cook or Going Places.

TURKEY

TWELVE hours sunshine a day, beautiful beach resorts, sparkling seas plus attractions like Aqualand's dolphin show and Turtle Beach.

Deal: Seven nights B&B at the three-star Lemas Apartments in Side from £280pp. Flying from Birmingham on June 21. See www.manos.co.uk or call 0844 879 8200.

MAJORCA

TEN hours sunshine a day, lively southern resorts of Palma Nova and Magaluf, and quieter eastern bay resorts like Cala Bona.

Deal: Seven nights

half-board at the three-star Atolon Hotel in Cala Bona from £515pp. Flying from Glasgow on June 20. See www.airtours.co.uk or call 0844 871 6636.

TENERIFE

NINE hours sunshine a day, lively nightlife, some of the best water parks in Europe and stunning scenery.

Deal: Seven nights self-catering based on four sharing at the three-star Aparthotel Tamaimo Tropical in Puerto De Santiago from £310pp. Flying from Gatwick on June 19. See www.thomascocook.com or call 0844 412 5970.



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